THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) The Sub-Committee consisted of the following members:—

(i) Shri S. Narayanan, Commissioner of Handlooms, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh.—*Chairman*

(ii) Shri P. Rajagopal Naidu, Member, All India Handloom & Handicrafts Board.—*Member*

(iii) Shri Khalid Anwar Ansari, Member, AIHHB.—*Member*

(iv) Shri Pragada Kotaiah, Member, AIHHB.—*Member*

(v) Shri S. S. Lenka, Director of Handlooms, Orissa.— *Member*

(vi) Shri C. K. Roy Chowdhary, Director of Handlooms, Govt. of West Bengal.—*Member*

(vii) Shri Ravi Mathur, Director of Handlooms, Govt. of U.P. —*Member*

(viii) Shri I. G. Gupta, Director of Handlooms, Govt. of Assam.— *Member*

(ix) Shri Abdul Rahim, Director of Handlooms, Kerala.—*Member*

(x) Shri Malayaswami, Director of Handlooms, Tamil Nadu— *Member*

(xi) Shri A. Desai, Director of Handlooms, Gujarat.—*Member*

(xii) Smt. Ranjana Sinha, Jt. Development Commissioner, Office of the Development Commissioner of Handlooms.—*Convenor*

(b) No, Sir. The Sub-Committee had to examine the programmes and schemes for providing assistance to weavers covered by the State Handloom Cooperatives and Corporations.

(c) The main thrust of the schemes of the Central Government for the handloom sector is to strengthen the non-exploitative organisational structure of cooperatives and Corporations. The Sub-Committee was, therefore, required to examine/evaluate the effectiveness of these schemes and programmes meant for weavers covered by the State Handloom Cooperatives and Corporations.

1814. [*Transferred to the 19th August*, 1987].

Eve-teasing cases in Delhi

1815. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether of late there has been an increase in the incidents of eve-teasing in Delhi;

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to check such incidents and with what results;

(c) what is the number of persons arrested for eve-teasing during the period from January to July, 1987 and how do these figures compare with those of 1985 and 1986; and

(d) what punishment has been awarded to the persons arrested on the charge of eve-teasing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The increase in the detected cases of eve-teasing is due to the special drives launched by the Delhi Police.

(b) To check eve-teasing, police personnel in uniform as well as in plain clothes are deployed in markets, main bus stops and girls schools and colleges. Police personnel in plain clothes are also deployed in running buses. Special drives are also conducted from time to time.

(c) The figures are indicated below:

Year	Persons arrested
1985	1156
1986	3146
1987 (upto 31-7-87)	1485

(d) Action is taken against the persons arrested on the charge of eve-teasing under Sections 91|92|93 and 97 of the Delhi Police Act, 509 IPC and 107|151 Cr. P.C.

Infiltration from Bangladesh

1816. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any progress has been made so far to check infiltration from Bangladesh; if so, what are the detail in this regard;

(b) whether the proposal to put barbed wire fencing on the borders with Bangladesh has since been dropped;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) if not, what progress has since been made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) BSF is constantly on alert on Indo-Bangladesh Border. 5 additional Bns. of BSF which were raised during the year 1986-87 under the 5-year expansion programme of BSF have been deployed on Indo-Bangladesh border in April 1987. Additional Border out-posts and observation post towers have also been established on Indo-Bangladesh border. Survey work for construction of roads on Indo-Bangladesh border is in progress. The work of earth filling and culverts in Dhubri and Karimganj of Assam is in progress.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Survey work for erection of barbed wire fence has been taken up in Assam and Meghalaya Sectors of the border along with survey for construction of roads.

Wildlife sanctuaries in Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu

1817. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for the setting up of new wildlife sanctuaries in Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, whether the locations have been identified in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) whether there is any rare animal|bird in Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken to preserve them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) No, Sir. Under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 the State Governments themselves are empowered to establish Wildlife Sanctuaries.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) A statement is attached.

Statement

Main steps taken for the protection of threatened species

A number of initiatives have been taken in recent years for wildlife conservation in India. The important measures are given below:

(a) A comprehensive legislation called the Wildlife (Protection) Act,